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SUBJECT: FULBRIGHT COMMISSION OFFICE

REF: A. STATE 162304 AND B. BUENOS AIRES 4496

1. DOLLAR CONTRACTS ILLEGAL ACCORDING TO RENT LAW. ANY REFERENCE TO FOREIGN CURRENCY ALSO VIOLATES RENT LAW. PUNATIVE ACTION ENTAILS CANCELLATION OF CLAUSE IN DOLLARS AND JUDGE SETS RENT IN PESOS. DEPENDING ON PUBLIC MOOD, BAD PUBLICITY MAY ALSO RESULT.
2. LANDLORDS OF PROPOSED APARTMENT HAVE SUGGESTED SIGNING CONTRACT IN PESOS BUT REQUIRING PAYMENT IN DOLLARS. THIS VIOLATES EXCHANGE LAW WHICH CARRIES PENALTIES OF SEVERAL YEARS IN PRISON.
3. JAPANESE LANDLORDS OFFICIALLY NOT ACCEPTING COMMISSION CHECK AS OF JULY 1 AS ACCEPTANCE IMPLIES RENEWAL OF CONTRACT. PRIVATELY THEY ASSURE US THAT WE MAY SETTLE ACCOUNTS SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE MOVING OUT.
4. COMMISSION STAFF WILL CONTINUE SEEK OTHER SUITABLE QUARTERS, BUT SINCE MUST VACATE BY END JULY, NEED MAKE FIRM DECISION NLT JULY 21. REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER, IF NO OTHER SITE FOUND, IT PREFERS COMMISSION TO MOVE TO:
 - A. REF B APARTMENT AT 25,000 ARGENTINE PESOS PER MONTH WITH ESCALATION CLAUSE, I.E., UNLESS THERE ARE OFFICIAL DEVALUATIONS

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COMMISSION WOULD BE PAYING OVER TWICE THE INITIAL MONTHLY

RENTAL AMOUNT BY END OF FIRST YEAR, OR

B. USIS-LEASED SPACE OVER LINCOLN CENTER AT RENT TO BE
DECIDED BY DEPARTMENT AND USIA.
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